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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the last paragraph beginning on page 8 and spanning the top of page 9 with the following amended paragraph:

Preferably, an antibody molecule according to the invention is the murine monoclonal antibody with the designation VFF-18 which is produced by a hybridoma cell line which has been deposited on 07 June 1994 under the accession number DSM ACC2174 with the DSM-Deutsche Sammlung für Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 1b, D-38124 Braunschweig, Deutschland/Germany under the provisions of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedures, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.801 et seq. Also preferred are Fab, Fab', or F(ab)₂ fragments of said monoclonal antibody VFF-18. In another preferred embodiment, the antibody molecule is a humanised recombinant antibody, wherein the complementarity determining regions (CDR's) of VFF-18 have been grafted into the respective genes of human immunoglobulin heavy and light chains.